

*AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION*

*Replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 25-35, with:*

Of the hydroxyl-protecting groups represented by  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{21}$  or  $R^{22}$ , specific examples of the alkyl group optionally having substituent(s) include methyl group, ethyl group, tert-butyl group, methoxymethyl group, tert-butoxymethyl group, benzyloxymethyl group, 2-tetrahydropyranyl group, 2-tetrahydrofuranyl group, 1-ethoxyethyl group, 1-benzyloxyethyl group, benzyl group, p-methoxybenzyl group, p-nitrobenzyl group, trityl group and the like, with preference given to methyl group, ethyl group, methoxymethyl group, 2-tetrahydropyranyl group, ~~2-tetrahydropyranyl~~ 2-tetrahydrofuranyl group and 1-ethoxyethyl group.